
A Selectively Annotated Bibliography of the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)

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The purpose of this bibliography is to identify material which could be used to evaluate the overall record of the Appalachian Regional Commission in the Appalachian region. With the exception of the highway program, it includes very few works which are concerned solely with particular ARC programs (i.e., health care, housing, etc.).

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